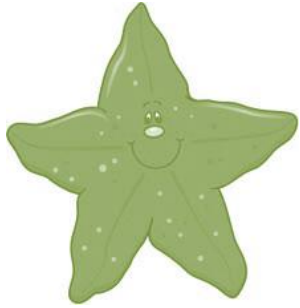


St. Simons United Methodist Preschool



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AUGUST 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at St. Simons United Methodist Church Preschool!

It is great to have your child with us! If you are new to the preschool, you will soon learn that our outstanding staff provides a loving, caring environment for the children. They go out of their way to help each child feel special. They work hard to help the children grow in their knowledge of their “A-B-C’s” and “1-2-3’s” as well as in their understanding of God’s love for everyone.

I look forward to continuing our weekly chapel program with the children. On Wednesday mornings, we gather in the chapel to sing and to hear Bible stories presented in fun and creative ways. Chapel time provides an excellent opportunity for me to meet your children and to get my weekly dose of “high fives”. It also helps the children get to know “Pastor Tom.”

I hope to get to know you better during the coming year. Please let me know if I can ever be helpful. You are always welcome to participate in any of our programs and activities. If you don’t have a church home, I invite you to join us for worship in one of our three services on Sunday mornings. Please visit our website at www.stsimonsumc.com for more information.

May God’s continued care and blessings be with the children, their families, and our staff during the 2019-2020 school year!

Tom

Important dates for August...

Monday, August 12th- Last day of **late fee** free tuition payment

Friday, August 16th –Water Day

Thursday, August 22nd - Thankful Thursday (**Older Threes Host**)

Friday, August 23rd -Water Day, **T SHIRT ORDERS**

Friday, August 30th- Last Water Day

Label...EVERYTHING





August Birthdays:

Happy Birthday, Friends! May God bless you richly today and always!

Laurel Hilton- 9th
 Axel Roberts- 9th
 Alice Brown- 11th
 Barrett Baxter- 13th
 Quinn Collins- 18th
 Ms. Tanja- 21st
 Jace Mincey- 23rd
 Ms. Melissa- 24th
 Mason Martin- 25th

**Please
 Keep
 Toys
 At
 Home**

Water Days!!!

We will have our last Water Days of the season on Friday, August 16th and on Friday, August 23rd and Friday, August 30th.



Please apply sunscreen at home. Send your child in their swimsuit, with a towel, swim diaper (if in diapers) and a change of clothes!



Neatness doesn't always have to count!



One of our traditions is to have a monthly "Thankful Thursday Appreciation Breakfast" for our teachers. A team of 4 or 5 people or more, provide any combination of juice, fruit, pastries, breakfast casserole, grits, yogurt, bacon, biscuits, Chick-fil-A anything, whatever! For August, the **Older Threes** classes will host on Thursday, August 22nd. There will be a sign-up sheet outside the classroom. Not every line has to be completed, but anything is appreciated

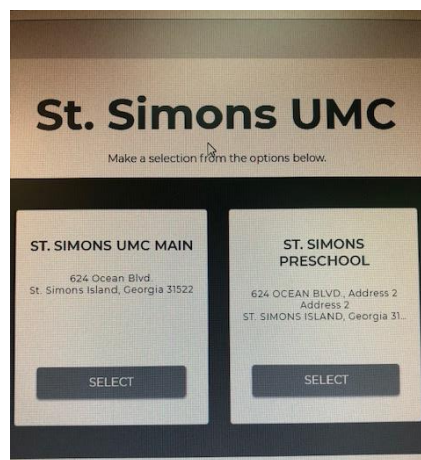
Thank You!!!

Remember... We have a **Supply Fee of \$200** that can be paid in \$100 amounts in August and January. If you haven't made your tuition payment yet, go ahead and add it in, make a separate check, or use the online option that follows.

Pay online...use the link below

<https://StSimons.securegive.com/SG/WebOnline/index.aspx?WO=StSimons&campus=5343&LockCampus=true>

Or, go to: www.stsimonsumc.com, go to: **Giving**, Select: **St. Simons Preschool**



It's HOT out there! Inside art and lots of playdough this afternoon.

Dress for play!!!

SAVE THE DATE DAD

DONUTS WITH DAD

Friday, September 20th

7:00-9:00 a.m.

Important dates for September...

Monday, September 2nd - Labor Day- No School

Tuesday, September 4th -Tuition Due

Friday, September 6th- Student Pictures

Friday, September 13th- Student Pictures (absentees)

Friday, September 20th- Donuts with Dad 7-9 am

Thursday, September 26th -Thankful Thursday

Friday, September 27th- Younger and Older Threes

One Last Thing...

I am not always here until 6 pm. If you need to notify us about a change in your child's afternoon schedule or anything important, please send an e-mail to **both** Ms. Tanja:

(schoolassistant@stsimonsumc.com)

and me:

(maryb@stsimonsumc.com).

We don't want to miss anything important!!!

Preschool Pantry

Since our Supply Fee goes toward classroom items, we are always looking for ways to supply our pantry. If you're out and about and want to pick up something for the Preschool, that would be great. Instead of items by class, let's do items by last name for a change!

A-C	E-J	K-M	N-W
Pudding	Fruit Cups	Crackers	Sweetened Cereal

Finally...for real...Every once in a while something comes across Face Book that speaks to my heart. This article is one of those things. It's long, but please take a few minutes to read this. It is addressed to moms, mostly, but dads, you're in on this, too. It comes from the Mayodan Moravian Church.

Take your kids to church.

Make the effort. Wake them up early. Fool with the belts and the buckles and the fancy hair bows. Endure the sleepy, grumpy faces and the misplaced shoes. Run around like a mad woman gathering everybody's everything and trying to get out the door on time. Hop to the car with a shoe in one hand and your make-up bag in the other. Give those babies a pop-tart and some milk and let 'em eat it in the car. If it's raining, get wet. If it's cold, get a jacket. If you're tired, go tired. But take those babies to church. You know why?

Because Jesus is there.

He's there. And He'll meet them there. And you too, Mama.

He'll be there in the sweet smile of their Sunday School teacher as she greets them into their room. He'll be there in the goldfish and the apple juice and the filling of their little bellies and hearts. He'll be there in the hug from a sweet friend and the encouraging smile that assures you that they "just barely made it" too. He'll be there in the sacred words read from the Bible speaking truth to their little impressionable hearts. He'll be there in the worship and the raised hands and the watery eyes and whispers of praise.

So take them. Carry all of their Bibles and drawings and toilet paper tube creations. Sit by them in worship. Open your Bible and open theirs. Show them how to find the scripture the pastor is preaching from. Show them how to worship. Explain to them why He's worthy of worship. Let them see you laugh and cry and praise and study. Forgive their wiggles and paper rustles and know that they're listening even when it seems like they aren't. Ask them questions and answer the ones they ask you. Introduce them to Jesus. Tell them of His greatness - his power - his faithfulness. Tell them with your words and show them with your life. Tell them what he's done for you and how you've been changed by His grace and

forgiveness and goodness and love. Tell them how they can be too. Point them to Jesus. Over and over and over again.

Take your kids to church. They'll love it there. It's the only place where they can go and just be themselves. They don't have to "be" good enough or smart enough or athletic enough. They don't have to perform for approval or achievement. They just get to go and hear how much God loves them. Just because they're them. Just because He created them, they're valued. Wanted. Their worth isn't based on the grades they make or their ability to throw a curveball. Its not dependent on their performance or skill level. And they need a little more of that, don't you think? A little more grace and a little less pressure. A little more love and a few less demands.

Take them to church. Before you take them to the ballfield or the dance studio or the gym. Before you take them on vacation or to grandma's or to the backyard to play. Take them to church. Let them know its a priority. Show them it has eternal value. Let them see you set aside schedules and extra curricular activities and work and busy-ness to be present with the Lord in His house. I promise you won't regret it. I promise you it won't return back void. Take them to church.

I promise it's worth it.

"But Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"

Matthew 19:14.